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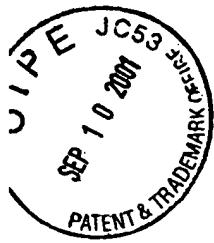
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination please add the following claims to the above-identified patent

application:

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A stool, comprising:

- (a) a seat;
- (b) a base having a front end and a back end, said base being elongated from the front end to the back end and defining a longitudinal axis;
- (c) a post connecting said seat to said base;
- (d) a stabilization structure positioned rearward of the post;

said base including a first contour located forward of said post, said first contour having a first convex curvature in a direction transverse to the longitudinal axis for allowing side to side pivoting;

said base including a second contour extending a direction along the longitudinal axis for allowing front to back pivoting